



WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13125 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

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President Clinton signed Executive Order 13125 on June 7, 1999 to improve the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through increased participation in Federal programs where they may be underserved. The Executive Order establishes the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and a Federal Interagency Working Group on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

♦ **President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**

The President appointed fifteen Commissioners with a history of involvement in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities from fields such as health, education, economic and community development, civil rights, and business. The Honorable Norman Mineta was designated as Chair of the Commission. The Commission will provide recommendations to the President focusing on the following mandates of the Executive Order:

1. Develop, monitor and coordinate Federal efforts to improve Asian American and Pacific Islander participation in government programs;
2. Foster research and data collection for Asian American and Pacific Islander populations and sub-populations; and
3. Increase public and private sector and community involvement in improving the health and well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

♦ **Interagency Working Group on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**

The Executive Order calls on all Federal departments to mobilize their resources to address the unmet needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. An Interagency Working Group, composed of deputy secretaries from Federal departments and designated independent agencies, will advise the President through the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on Initiative activities. Goals for the first year include the development of a tailored inventory of current programs and funding levels related to Asian Americans Pacific Islanders, and a plan to address their needs in Fiscal Year 2001. The second year will focus on the development of a three-year Integrated Federal Plan that will be submitted to the President by May 2001.

♦ **White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is the coordinating office of the President's Advisory Commission and the Interagency Working Group. The Department of Health and Human Services is the lead Federal department responsible for implementation of the Executive Order. The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is housed in the Department's Health Resources and Services Administration.